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Anne Penachio, Esq.	
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re	CHAPTER 11
GOLDFISH RESTAURANT, INC.,	CASE NO.: 17-22628 (RDD)
Debtor.	
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## AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 1007-2

## MICHAEL CASARELLA, hereby affirms as follows:

- 1. I am a managing member of **GOLDFISH RESTAURANT, INC.**, the debtor herein (the "Debtor"). The Debtor is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business at 6 Rockledge Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562 (the "Premises"). The Debtor recently changed the name that it operates under to "Sparta".
- 2. I have maintained a senior position at the Debtor for many years and am familiar with its financial affairs. I submit this affirmation pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(d) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2.
- 3. The Debtor operates a traditional restaurant which offers casual dining throughout the day and evening. It specializes in Greek cuisine.
- 4. The Debtor has been experiencing financial reverses for several years as a result primarily in the general downturn of the economy and difficulties with management.

- 5. Its bankruptcy filing was precipitated, in part, by its need to seek protection from New York State taxing authorities which has threatened seizure of its assets.
- 6. The Debtor leases the Premises from which it operates from a related entity.
- 7. With the advance of warmer weather upon "uptick" in the economy, the Debtor is hopeful that business will increase.
- 8. This case was not originally commenced as a case under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. No committee was organized prior to the entry of the order for relief in the Debtor's Chapter 11 case.
- 10. The Debtor is a "small business" as that term is defined in Section 1109 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. The names and addresses of the Debtor's twenty largest unsecured creditors excluding those creditors who or which would not be entitled to serve on a creditors committee under 11 U.S.C. 702 or "insiders" under 11 U.S.C. 101(31) will be filed with the Court. Such creditors consist primarily of trade debt, including purveyors.
- 12. The Debtor's assets are limited and consist of those items generally used in the food service business, such as fixtures, equipment, bar ware, tables, chairs, tableware and televisions.
  - 13. No shares of the Debtor are publically held.
- 14. No property of the Debtor is currently in the possession or custody of any custodian, public officer, mortgagee, pledge, assignee of rents, secured creditor or any agent for such entity.

- 15. The Debtor's assets and books and records are located at the Premises.
- Upon information and belief, there are no pending litigations against the Debtor.
  - 17. The Debtor's day to day senior management consists of myself.
- 18. The Debtor's weekly payroll varies. I estimate the current weekly payroll to be approximately \$2,000.00.
  - 19: A current balance sheet will be filed with the Court.
- 20. A copy of the corporate resolution authorizing the filing of the Debtor's Chapter 11 proceeding has been filed with the Court.
  - 21. The Debtor's shareholders are me and Tommy Stratigakis.
- 22. A copy of an income tax return, redacted to maintain confidentiality, will be filed with the Court.

Dated: Ossining, New York May <u>3</u>, 2017

Michael Casarella

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